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ALEXANDRIA: SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 10, 1859.

The Philadelphia papers say, that take it all in all, no such meeting as the one recently held there, in favor of the Constitution and the Union, and in rebuke of the Abolitionists, was ever seen before in Philadelphia. It is said that in the outspoken and strong denunciation of the Brown foray, by the various speakers, Messrs. Ingersoll, King, Randall, Robert Tyler, and others, the whole meeting applauded and endorsed their sentiments. During the whole day there were patriotic demonstrations all over the city, and at the meeting one hall could not hold the people assembled, and another meeting had to be organized cutside. Mr. Hazelhurst embodied the leading sentiment of both meetings:

"Our path of duty (said he) is plain. Fidelity to all sections and at all times, and obedience to the constituted authorities of the land, will make the Union perpetual. With our Union as it is. and thorough fraternal feeling between its various parts, we may present ourselves to the world as a grand nationality, fostering its own labor and developing its own resources."

The Philadelphia American, in speaking of this imposing meeting, both as regards the numbers and character of those who participated in it, says:

"If all who approved of the sentiment, 'allegiance to the Union and the Constitution,' to assert which it was called, could have been present, the whole town would have gathered."

There has been no Speaker of the House of Representatives yet elected. Sherman, the candidate of the Republican party, we hope has received all the votes that he can or ever will get, and, in any event, we hope that no candidate of that party will be elected-that no man will or can be elected who defends or even palliates the signing of the recommendation of Helper's book-no man who is not opposed to Abolitionism, Fanaticism, and incendiarism, "no man who is not, heart and soul, for the Union of the States and the Rights of the States; in favor of protecting and defending the South in its Constitutional rights, as well as opposed to all sectional agitation. Members of the House must act, of course, upon their individual responsibility, but the whole country is now interested in defeating any sympathizer with treason, rebellion, or disunion. We would rather see the triumph of any other party, than witness

Gov. McWillie, of Mississippi, before retiring from office, submitted to the Legislature of the State, a brief message, alike honorable to himself and to the State over whose interests he so ably presided for several years. It related to the payment of the famous Planters' Bank bonds issued by the State, and the refusal to pay which, has, for so long a time, made Mississippi obnoxious to the charge of "repudiation." The Gov ernor asks for action-for submitting the question again to the people-or for liquidation or adjustment of the debt, in some way speedily. He correctly remarks, that a State is bound by its own character and honor to meet all its obligations, and that it can naver cost an individual or a State too much to be just. The citizens of the country at large would be gratified if the Governor's recom mendation were adopted, and "repudiation" be struck from the vocabulary of Mississippi. as we hope and believe a majority of the people of that State are in favor of the payment of the bonds.

The Cincinnati Enquirer affirms that a plan for the rescue of Brown was actually formed-that Gov. Wise had authentic accounts of the intentions of the conspirators. and that one of the detectives from New York was actually admitted amongst the rescue gang; that he took the oath administered to each, and that in the course of his association with the leaders, he slept with a son of old John Brown and with Tidd, both of whom made their escape from Harper's Ferry after the others had fallen into the ful disease which has so long afflicted him hands of the military. This intimesy gave Under the skillful treatment of Dr. N. R. the detective an opportunity of gaining the desired information in regard to the contemplated invasion and rescue, which was communicated to Gov. Wise. We know not what truth there may be in these state-

Immense strings of "resolutions" are hung up in the House of Delegates every day-this is, however, merely preliminary to actual business. We would advise the members to present ALL their resolutions and propositions the first week of the session .-It would expedite business, as it would place before the Committees all the serious, practible matters for action, as well as all the crotchets in the brains of the members,-The latter could be quietly shoved aside:

It is said, that the speech of Mr. Nelson, of Tennessee, in the House, the other day, was a very able one; and that Mr. Pryor of Wa., found, not only a "foeman worthy of his steel," but a man able to cope with him in every respect.

Mr. Preston, U. S. minister to Spain, and Baron Bothschild, came passengers by the steamer Persia, which arrived at New York.

The House of Commous in England, has rejected the proposition to adopt the decimal erstem. The Chinese use it entirely.

The Governor of North Carolina is about so have the militie of that State re-organized.

The storm of Wednesday night last was severe on the Chesapenke bay.

a bet with a friend, on Tuesday last, of the steamer made the run from Norfolk to within following singular character:-If Fernando a mile of Old Point, a distance of about 14 H. W. Thomas, Resolved, That the Comto take a broom and sweep one of the cross- hour; the whole trip occupying an hour and to report bill No. 329 of the last session, for walks in Fulton street from 8 o'clock in the three quarters, and the greatest speed ob- the relief of Benjamin T. Chinn of Prince morning till 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and tained being at the rate of 18 miles per | William county. never, during all that time, to say & single word to any one. If Havemeyer was elected, and further improvements will be made unthe other party to the wager was to do the same. Accordingly, on Thursday morning, Flemming, armed with a broom and a bottle of bitters, commenced the labor of sweeping the crosswalk at the corner of Nassau and Fulton streets. All day long he plied the juicy broom, surrounded by a quizzical crowd, all eagerly propounding various questions, some of a jocose and others of a freight traffic of the road is now carried .ly worked the man of the broom until his task was finished.

A special dispatch to the Charleston Courier, from Columbia, S. C., dated December 5th, states that Mr. F. D. Richardson, of Charleston, offered a series of resolutions, declaring that the Harper's Ferry movement should be regarded as an assault upon the institution of slavery in all the Southern States; that the expenses incurred by Virginia, in putting down the insurrection should be borne by all the Southern States, in proportion to their slave population; that, being the legitimate fruit of the teachings of the abolition States, the slaveholding States ought to demand indemnity from them for the expenses incurred; and that Governor Gist be requested to tender to the State of Virginia the proportion which South Carolina may be alloted to pay.

A writer in Blackwood, speaking of horse dealing in Syria, and the color of Arab horses says: - "Gray of various shades, sorrel, chestnut, and brown bay, are the ordinary, and it may almost be said the only colors of an Arab horse. The commonest of all colors is a dark uniform gray. In my register of horses brought from Auazeh, I find one black; but so rare is that color that if I had merely trusted to my recollection, I should have said I never saw a black horse in the desert."

A dispatch dated St. Louis, December 6th, says:-"The weather turned very cold again last night, and the rain, which began to fall in the evening, soon changed into snow, and attained a depth of about two inches. During the night it froze very hard, and this morning the murcury marked as low as fifteen degrees. It stands now at about twenty, and is snowing faster than at any previous time."

The Hon. Thos. Corwin, twenty-nine years ago took his seat in the House of Representatives as a member from the same district now represented by him. There is not a member of the House with him who was there when he first took his seat. In less than a generation there has been an entire change, with a single exception.

A letter from Charlestown says:-"In consequence of the extreme severity of the weather, much sickness has been produced in the different companies, and the hospital, which is under the ction of Dr. Edmunds Mason, is pretty well filled. The medical staff, labors with much zeal, and their efficiency is highly spoken of."

Leonard Scott & Co., New York, have republished the October number of the London Quarterly Review. It contains articles the success, or the slightest concession to, the on Architecture : New Zealand : Geography ingham. organized Republican party of the North. and Biography of the Old Testament; Tennyson's Poems ; Strikes ; Farm Weeds, &c Robert Bell, Agent, King street.

> There is a lamentable falling off in the New York canal receipts for the present year, being less than one half what they were in the year 1847. The more general use of steam on the Erie Canal after its entire completion, will probably make the revenue again equal to what it was in 1847-1851.

> The Arabian horse Imaum died on Monday morning last, at the farm of the late Garret Vanmeter, near Richmond, Va. He was one of the two horses presented to Presilent Van Buren in 1837, by the Imaum of Muscat, and must have been at the time of his death about 30 years old.

Information has been received at the State department at Washington, from the United States consulate at Gautemala, of the death of Martin Koszta, on the 27th of April, 1858, on a sugar estate in the district of Amatitlan, Guatemala.

Gerrit Smith's wife, by the consent of her husband's physician, visited him at Utica. on Tuesday last. So nearly restored to mental and bodily health is this gentleman. that his family look to a reunion of all its members at Peterboro, on Christmas day.

The project to increase the steam tonnage between Charleston and New York by the about \$60,000. addition of two boats, has been abandoned. The reason for so doing, assigned by the subscribers here, is the unsettled state of public

Governor Hicks of Md., hgs consented to undergo an operation for the curs of the pain-Smith, the greatest confidence is felt for a successful result.

A letter recently received from Tunis, by a gentleman of Philadelphia, says that the attempt to raise cotton in that country has again resulted in a failure, both in the hands of private planters and those of the English Arab company engaged in the experiment.

Washington Irving leaves a fortung to be divided amongst his nephews and nieces.-For the last eight or ten years he has probably received from his books alone, an average annual income of \$20,000.

By way of California we learn that the runaway ship Massenger Bird had been seen off the Russian port of Petropaulovski, bound for parts unknown.

The eall for the Conservative Meeting, in Boston, is signed by fourteen hundred names -among them the most respectable citizens And we be to any unfortunate man then

Mrs. Lydia Maria Child is said to have relinquished her intention of writing a life of John Brown.

It is announced as a cheering sign of Indisp givilization, that the Cherokees have a debt and cannot pay the interest on it.

The Conservative Meeting in New York, it is expected will be one of the largest ayer held in that city. "Hog killing" has commenced vigorously

at the West.

"Disunion resolutions" multiply in South Carolina Legislature.

Thomas Flemming, in New York, made The Norfolk Herald says that the Winans hour. This, however as we learn, does not meet the expectations of the inventor.

A feature of the operation of the Illinois Central Railroad, latterly, is the large trade opening up at Cairo with the Southern cities. Through that channel one-fourth of the tantalizing nature; but silently and solemn- Large shipments of oats and flour for New Orleans, and Western freight for the cotton and sugar trade is becoming of very great importance. It is stated that 55,000 hhds. and 15,000 bbls. of sugar, with 12,000 bales of cotton, have been received this season at

A negro preacher in Detroit, who married a black man to a white woman, such marriage being illegal, was convicted on Monday last and sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 or be imprisoned for ninety days. The Detroit Free Press says:- "This is the first case of the kind that has ever come into Court, and, when it is known that it is the intention to prosecute every violation of the law in this respect in future, the effect will probably be

Virginia News.

The Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg Express says: - "His Excellency, Gov. Willard, of Indiana, accompanied by Attornery General Voorhees and the Hon. J. L. Robinson, U. S. Marshal, of Indiana, reached here in the Northern train this morning .-It is said that one more and a last appeal will be made to Gov. Wise in behalf of Cook, the Harper's Ferry insurgent, whose sister is the wife of Gov. Willard. Although painful to a man possessing the humane feelings of Gov. Wise. I have no idea that he will interpose between the prisoner and the law.— No influences will be able to move him on this point. The unfortunate Cook's doom is sealed, and on Friday, the 16th, he will expiate his crimes on the gallows.

The County Court for Prince William county, met on Monday last. In the absence of the Presiding Justice, Seymour Lynn, esq., Dr. J. B. Grayson, presided, Edwin Gaines and Levi C. Lynn, associates. There was not a single Commonwealth's case on the docket. A number of civil cases were disposed of. An unusually large number of free negroes were in attendance, for the purpose of having their free papers renewed by the Court.

The Richmond Examiner says: - On Thursday Mr. James Eppes, Superintendent of City hall, &c., (feeling himself aggrieved at something which appeared in the local column of the Morning News some days ago.) met Mr. Philip Harrison, Jr., the Local Editor of the paper, near the corner of Bank and 10th streets, and struck him a violent blow in the face. Mr. Harrison drew a pistol and fired, but missed his mark.

Rockingham intends to furnish an entire regiment of volunteers, to be ready when their country calls. A company has been, or will be formed at Bridgewater, one in Brock's Gap, (a Rifle Company,) and one at Conrad's Store, which with the two already formed in Harrisonburg, together with the troop of Cavalry now forming there, will make six companiess of volunteers in Rock-

The citizens of Prince william county held a meeting at the Court House on Monday last for the purpose of forming a volunteer company. Geo. F. Carney, was called to the Chair, and P. D. Williams, appointed Secretary. Committees were appointed, to re-port on the third Saturday in December, when it is proposed to regularly organize.

Miller's Iron Works and surroundings, near Port Republic, in Rockingham county, were sold at auction, on Friday last by John B. Baldwin, Trustee. Purchaser, Jos. Smith. of Augusta county, at \$45,000 for the whole property, being about one-third of its esti-

mated value. An immense sacrifice. The December Court of Loudoun county. will meet on Monday next. The following Justices will compose the Court: Gen. Asa Rogers, Presiding Justice; David Showen, Samuel Pursell, W. N. Berkley, and S. R. Monnt, esgrs.

The Cadets of the Virginia Military Institute paraded in the Capital Square, Richmond, on Thursday, in the presence of the Governor and of both Houses of the Legislature. They presented a very fine appearance, and their howitzer practice was per-

fect. Rev. Wm. G. Cross, Presiding Elder, for Washington district, M. E. Church, South, will hold his first quarterly meeting at Brentville, Prince William county, to-day and tomorrow.

The subscriptions to the James River and Liverpool Line of Packets, have reached A deer was killed in Dinwiddie, a few days

ago, that weighed after being dressed, 103 Hogs are selling in the Lynchburg market

at \$7 50 per cwt. J. C. Armistead has been elected Cierk of the Hustings Court of Petersburg.

RUPUS CROATE AND MONEY MATTERS. - The following extract from Parker's Reminiscences of Rufus Choate, exhibits one of his prominent traits, in which he was not unlike Mr

I never remember seeing him collect any noney, or make any charges in any books. Indeed, I never saw any account books in his office. He, himself, never seemed to have any money. If he wanted any, he would get me to draw a check for him, even for five dollars, and he signed it. If he drew the sheek himself, he made sad work of it. It used to be said round the entry that when he had to go to Washington to argue cases, or to Congress, he often was onliged to find some one with money to lend him to go on with. Unlike some others of the fraternity of great men, however, he vary often paid what he borrowed. His accounts of who owed him. and how much, he must have carried shiefly in his head. He very often, however, made a sudden forar and raid upon his clients, as he happened to recollect them, if he found himself unexpectedly in want of money .who had a heavy case actually on trial, He had to pay for all the sins of omission of his predecessor clients for many months.

COLD WEATHER AT THE SOUTH-THREE MEN FROZEN TO DEATH .- On the 13th of November the weather in Mississippi and other Southern States turned very cold .- |

The Vicksburg Whig says: We learn from the officers of the steamer Roebuck that two gentlemen were frozen to death on Bledsoe's place, Sunflower county, on last Saturday night. Bledsoe and his Mr. Dialop, when out hunting in their shirt sleeves, on that evening, and get-ting lost, they were overtaken by the cold spell which so suddenly set in on Saturday. and were frozen to death before they were VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, on Thursday, on motion of Wood was elected Mayor of the city, he was miles in 45 minutes, and returned in one mittee on Finance and Claims be instructed

> On motion of Mr. Early, Resolved, That the Committee of Courts of Justice enquire into the expediency of passing an act more effectually to prevent the escape of slaves. in reference to the punishment for attempting to carry off or aiding or conniving at, or being in any way concerned in the escape of any slave with intent to defraud or deprive the owner of such slave, and in reference to the forfeiture to the owner of such slave. and to the pay to the informant in case of conviction.

> On motion of Mr. Paxton, Resolved, That the Committee on Roads, &c., enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill providing that railroad companies in which the State is a stockholder, shall use in the construction, repairs, equipment and operation of their road, material produced and manufactured

On motion of Mr. Caldwell, Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Claims be requested to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill authorizing the Board of Public Works to purchase, at the par value of \$180 per share, 5,000 shares of the capital stock of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, held by the city of Wheel-

On motion of Mr. Armstrong, Resolved That the Committee on Banks enquire into the expediency of amending or repealing the act passed April 2, 1858, entitled "an act providing for a more uniform currency.

On motion of Mr. Neeson, Resolved, That the Committee for Courts of Justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 205 of the Code relating to examining courts, and of dispensing with the examination before county or corporation courts in cases of charges of felony.
On motion of Mr. Neeson, Resolved, That

the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing in the northwestern part of the State a Military Academy and Armory, and that

they report by bill or otherwise.
On motion of Mr. August, Resolved, That the Committee on General Laws be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting Senate bill No. 44, of the last session, to amend the act providing for the election, qualification, powers, duties, and compensation of Justices of the Peace. clerks of Circuit and County Courts, Attornevs for the Commonwealth, &c.

On motion of Mr. C. Y. Thomas, Resolved. That the Committee for Courts of Justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of o amending the 29th section of 176th chapter of the Code of Virginia as to dispense with the commission now required by law to take the deposition of witnesses who reside out of this Commonwealth, but within the United

States. On motion of Mr. Coghill, Resolved, That the Committee on Agriculture and Commerce enquire into the expediency of reporting Bill No. 148 of last session, which Bill had as its object the amendment of the inspection law of the Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. August, Resolved. That the Committee for Courts of Justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the 8th section of Chapter 151 of the Code of Virginia, as to require the plaintiff to give bond, conditioned to pay all costs and damages which may be awarded against him, whether sustained by the defendant or any other person.

On motion of Mr. August, Resolved, That the Committee for Courts of Justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the first section of chapter 152 of the Code of Virginia, as to provide that sion of any subject matter of controversy claimed by two or more persons, may make affidavit of the fact before the Court, so that said parties may be required to appear and maintain or relinquish their claims, as in

other cases provided by said election. On motion of Mr. Newman, Resolved, That the President appoint a special committee of 7, whose duty it shall be to enquire nto the present condition of the land titles of Western Virginia, and report a bill for their more effectual settlement. (The President took time to name the committee.)

Mr. Wickham presented the "proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Henrico, held on the 4th of December, 1859, to give expression to their views on the subject now agitating the country," and moved that they be referred to the Joint Committee on the outbreak at Harper's Ferry. Reported accordingly.

Mr. August called up the bill reported by him from committee the preceding day, and read a first time, entitled, "A bill to repea the act, passed March 15th, 1858, entitled an act to amend and re-enact the 1st and 2nd sections of an act passed May 22, 1852, entitled an act disabling any person concerned in a duel from holding office.

Mr. Brannon offered the following us a ubstitute for the whole bill:

An Act to repeal the act passed March 15th, 1858, entitled, "An Act to amend and re-enact the first and second sections of an Act passed 22 of May, 1852, and also to repeal the said Act of May, 1852."

1st. Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That the Act passed May the 22d, 1852, entitled "An Act disabling any person from holding office," and the Act passed March 15, 1858, entitled An Act to amend and reenact the first and second sections of an Act disabling any person concerned in a duel from holding office," be and the same are hereby repealed.

2nd. Be it further enacted. That no person laboring under any disqualification or disability incurred under the operation of the said Act, passed the 15th of March. 35s, shall be disqualified or disabled from holding any omca in this Commonwealth, and such disqualification and disability are hereby removed.

3d. This act shall be in force from its pas-

Mr. August said that the substitute was acceptable to the members of the committee. The bill was then ordered to be engrossed

and read a third time. Mr. H. W. Thomas called up his joint resolution, offered on Wednesday, concerning the furnishing of Commissioners of the Le genue with further information. He then moved to leg it on the table and have it printed. Adopted.

The Senate adjourned to witness the parade of the Cudets of the Virginia Military Institute

In the House of Delegates, the Speaker announced the Standing Committees as fol-Prisiteges and Elections .- Messrs. Hopkins, Methe, Burwell, Cassin. Blue, Edwards, Walker, Waliace, Mchinney, Lyle, Tutwiler, Friand, Crane

and Martin of Nelson.
On Courts of Justice Messrs, Ruthersoors, Hopkins, Barbour, Ball, Kemper, Jones of G., Gilmer of P., Dickinson, Arnold, Wingfield, Buck-wall, Hoffman, Collier, McCamant and Phelps. Schools and Colleges. Messars. Christian, Car-penter, Lundy. Magrader. Porter. Rutherfoord, Cowan, Rives. Clairborne, Mainry, Maupin, Dick-inson of R., McDowell, Gibson of S., and Bent-

Propositions and Grievances. - Messrs. Magruder, Riddick, Kaufman, Mysrz, Tyler, Watson of A., Carter, Patterson, Childt, Alderson, Fleming, Wilson, Montgomery, Welch and Robinson. Wingfield, Massie, Claims. Messrs. Kaufman, Medly, Garth, Miller of L., West, Locke, Coleman, Kincheloe, Matthews, Allen, Montague,

Boads and Internal Navigation — Mesors, Chap-man, Christian, Anderson, Carpente, McKenais, Martin, of H., Grattan, Saunders, Easkervill, Edgington Rishie Word Smith of K. Smith of A.

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Millitary Laws .- Messrs, Kemper, Jones of G., Robertson, McCamant, Gibson of J., Dickinson of P. E., Carpenter, Newton, Mallory, Wilcox, Wallace, Graham, Lockridge, Thompson and Har-

Martin of H., Boseman, Tomlin, Thomas, Hunter Haymond, Yerby, Bass, Anderson, Davis, Collier and Saunders Penitentiary-Messrs. Kee, Hackley, Bailey.

Shannon, Friend, Saunders, Ballard, Johnson Gilmer of R., Fleming, Terrill, Lynch, Scott, Ran dolph and Turner. Armory—Messrs, Blue, Riddick, Patterson, Rob ertson, Garrett, Miller of S., Brown of M., Handley, Taylor, Earle, Lucas, Miles, Huntt, Ferguson

and Lockridge.

Library—Messrs Tomlin, Myers, Ligon, Haymond, Smith of T., Pritchard, Ball, Coleman, Gilmer of P., McKinney, Porter, Earle, Frost, Martin of N., and Magnuder. Agriculture and Manufactures -- Messrs Bussett.

Lyan, Sibert, Garrett, Richardson, Claiborn-Newton, Harrison, Tyler, Graham, Pretlow, James

Mong, McGehee and Goodycoontz. Enrolled Bills-Messrs, Hackley, Orgain, Da vis, Pritchard, Evans, Hoffman, Kyle, Sibert, Watts, Phelps, Pretlow, Smith of J., Mong, Bisbie,

and Wilson. Lunatic Asylum,-Messrs, Yerby, Rives, Mas sie, Brown of B., Woolfolk, Arnold, Watson Magrader, Thompson, Bosseau, Holdway, Morris, Bell, Hundley, and Smith of A.

Banks.—Messrs. Seddon, Cowan, Keens, Robertson, McCue, Gibson, of H., Reid, Jones, et A., Orgain, Ward, Knott, Watts, of N., Leftwich, Walker and Montague. Expenditures.—Messrs, McKenzie.

Crane, Watson, of A., Lynn, Kee, Kamdolph, Carter, Watson of P., Miller of L. Locke, Harrison, Ferrell and Allen. Auditor's Office.—Messrs. Wilcox, Bailey, Miller of S., Huntt, Brown of M., Brown of B., Childs, Goodycoontz, James, Johnson and Welch, Second Auditor's Office, Messrs. Edwards,

polfolk, Ballard, Lynch, Knott, Maupin, Lucas Kincheloe, Bell and Turner. Clerk's Office.—Messrs. Hunter, Reid, Bass. Burwell, Baskerville, Gibson, of H., Keene, Grat tan and Miles. Register's Office.—Messrs. Frost, Taylor. Scott.

Shannon, Harvey, Martin of N., Ferrell, Medley, and Dickinson, of R. Treasurer's Accounts.—Messrs, Duckwall, Mc Gruder, Gilmer of R., Ferguson, Boisseau, Hold-way, Martin of N., McDowell, Witten, West, and

fontgomery. Bonds of Public Officers.—Messes, Boreman Tutwiller, Morris, Edgington, Smith of K., Alderson, Bentley, Jones, of A., Leftwich and Richard-

The following resolutions of Inquiry were

Of providing by law for the appointment by the Governor in behalf of the State, of five of the seven Directors in the Branches. wherein the Governor now appoints four of the nine and three of the seven.

Mr. Christian offered a resolution enquiring into the expediency of authorizing a special term of the Jefferson County Circuit Court for the trial of any person charged with treason; and also authorizing the calling of special terms of all Circuit Courts, in cases where it have had, or waived an appearance before an Examining Court.

The Chair explained that this resolution was deemed necessary in view of the fact that it had been determined not to try Sta phens (now in jail at Charlestown) in the S. Circuit Court at Staunton, in view of the recent action of the U. S. Senate. He was consequently to be tried at Charlestown.

The resolution was adopted. Of establishing a Military School in North Western Virginia.

Of chartering an independent bank at Pittsylvania Court House. Of curtailing the list of delinquent taxpavers—the bill to have especial reference to able-hodied men between the ares of 21

Of requiring persons retailing liquors and certain circumstances specified. By Mr. Gibson-Of requiring inst

of flour, tobacco, and other atticles, to report haif-yearly to the Governor, the quantity of | - and the little tiger, with his gray military such articles inspected, and the ports to which they were shipped.

That leave be given to bring a bill to de fray the expenses already incurred by the Governor of the Commonwealth in the defence of the State and in the execution of the

laws of the same. Of re-enacting the Vagrant Laws. Of allowing the Sheriff of Jefferson further

time to pay into the Treasury the taxes of said county. Of giving the stockholders in Banks hav

ing branches, who reside near the officers, the privilege of electing the Directory. Of constructing a road from Station, on the Manassas Gap Railroad, it Fauquier, to some point at or near Rector's

Of constructing a road from a point on the north branch of the Potomac to Romney, and thence to Capon Springs. Of adopting as a temporary policy, the

ompletion of the canal from Buchanan to Covington, the completion of the Covington and Ohio Railroad from Covington to Greenbrier bridge, and the improvement of the Greenbrier river, the New and Kanawha rivers for steamboat navigation to the Ohio. Of exempting taxation on hogs and sheep, and assessing the value of cattle as of the first day of February in the year preceding the assessment.

By Mr. Hunt-Of amending the charter of the city of Alexandria By Mr. Barbour -Of incorporating a Say

ngs Bank at Culpeper C. II. By. Mr. McKenzie-Of creeting a new Penitentiary in the southwestern or north western part of the State.

By Mr. Ball-Of amending an act incor orating the town of Leesburg. By Mr. Bentley Of amending 10th sec chap. 150.

A resolution was introduced inquiring in the expediency of requiring dealers in goods, the product of other States, to pay auad valorem tax, and favoring dealers in goods made in Virginia.

> Letter from John Brown Charlestown, Va., Nov. 22, 1859.

ANDREW HUNTER, esc., Present Dear Sir - I have just had my attention

called to a seeming confliction between the statement I at first made to Gov. Wise, and that which I made at the time I received my sentence, regarding my intentions respecting the slaves we took about the Terry. need be no such confliction, and a few words of explanati n will I think, be quite sufficient. I had given Gov. Wise a full and particular lar account of that, and when called in court to say whether I had anything further : urge, I was taken wholly by surprise, as I did not expect my sentence before the others. In the hurry of the moment I forgot much that I had before intended to say, and did not consider the full bearing of what I then said. I intanded to convey this idea:-That it was my object to place the slayes in a condition to defend their liberties, if they would, without any blood shed, but not that intended to run them out of the stare States.

was not aware of any such apparent condiction until my attention was called to it. and I do not suppose that a man in my then circumstances, should be superhuman in respect to the exact purport of every word he might utter. What I said to Gov. Wise was spoken with all the deliberation I was master of, and was intended for truth, and what I said in court was equally intended for truth. but required a more full explanation than ! there gave."

Please make such use of this as you think calculated to correct any wrong impression I may have given. Very respectfully yours, JOHN BROWN.

A recent visit to New Bedford, showed

tonished to see how they rebuilt favorite ships, and kept them always new in fact, though old in years. The Maria, (which was thefirst ship that entered the British Channel | County, was held in the Court House for the at the close of the Revolutionary war, car- purpose of expressing their sentiments in rying ather topmast the "stars and stripes,") regard to the recent outrage at Harren Finance .- Messrs. Barbour, Caperton, Seddon, s over one hundred years old, and "good as new." The Zephyr was nearly fifty years old. In fact they had ships all the way from one year to one hundred years old, and all equally sea worthy. The ship Zephyr, Capt. Caleb Britnal, will be remembered by most of older citizens-and when named to me made the captain, who was with me, (a New Havener, ) start at his sudden exclama- dress from W. R. Mason, esq., it was moved tion of "Thunder! the old Zephyr!" dear me! "Yes," said the gentleman whom we were talking with "do you know her?" "Know ner! my first voyage to sea was in her fortyfour years ago, and Wm. Chidsey and myself are the last of her crew." course we had to visit the old Zephyr, and found her ready for a whaling voyage as staunch and well-looking as when five years old. It seems to be a pleasure to the New Bedford ship owners to keep their ships always new. A favorite ship is kept in such good order as to be as safe as a new one, and better, in that they have been proved good

> sea boats While on old vessels, I am reminded that While on old vessels, I am reminded that the blood of her citizens, and possessing then we have one thirty-year-old brig here—the property, and have lately mangurated their scheme Atlantic and a better sea boat or more lucky one, never sailed .- New Haven Reg.

A Surplus of the New Cent.

We notice that an effort is about to be the superabundant supply of the new cent that the "irrepressible conflict" is at hand, and now in circulation. The authority of the that ere long we shall be compelled to regard the Mint to exchange at par the nickel cent for fractions of the old Spanish dollar, which are at a discount of five to six per cent., as compared with silver American coin, has exposed to such fillibustering invasions, deem made the supply of the new coinage here in important to prepare for resisting them, and pleaf made the supply of the new coinage here in the immediate vicinity of the Mint very large. The retail dealers in dry goods and groceries, the butchers and others, are over supplied and get rid of them with difficulty persons, and vagrants, and outlaws. and loss. They are dealt in by the brokers at a discount of two to five per cent., a depreciation sufficiently large to induce some close dealers to purchase and pay them out ing the welfare of the State.

Resolved. That a Committee be appointed to to such of their employers as have no choice far below the value of our gold and silver.

Governor to urge upon the legislature, at i too far, and having no retiring point, is all | ing session, to enact laws to organize an effective of the nine Directors in the Banks, and four the time in circulation, to the exclusion of mode of defence, and to give security and peace a corresponding amount of small silver. We to the people.

Resolved. That we love the Union, and have are not prepared to suggest a remedy for the evil complained of, but think the Secretine forever. Virginia has testified her development of the evil complained of the secretion of the evil complained of the secretion of the sec train the objectionable coinage, except for the distribution in the interior, where it is much of the glory of the past, and to it she is in demand, and where it would circulate fondly looked for the realization of her proude but for the cost of transporting a commodity so bulky. That the operation of exchangis deemed necessary, and where the parties ing new cents for Spanish silver is a moneymaking one for the Mint, ought not to stand

Gen. Scott and his Valet.

become.—Phila, Ledger.

The correspondent of the Alta California says that Gen. Scott's valet is no inconsiderable personage, although he is a foil to his urge upon the Legislative body of the State, about master-one is a giant, the other adwarf. The latter hovers around the General as a wasp does around a cow. Why great men should thus secure such puny efforts I know not, but our dwarf is a consequential personage. He dresses the General, buzzes around him with a whisp; dusts him off; seizes his hat, and brushes up the General's few remaining gray hairs; wipes the nap of the hat, replaces the same, and the whole duty is conducted wines to give bonds and take others under in silence. These attentions are repeated Tayloe, John T. Washington, Wm. T. Smith, three or four times a day, and the General and Fred. C. S. Hunter. takes the same as a matter of course. He nev- On motion, the Chairman was added to er replies or thanks -it is a matter of course cap and garrote collar, struts around as important an individual as any one on board.

Message of the Governor of Kentucky. Governor Macoffin, of Kentucky, in his annual message to the Kentucky Legislature, takes strong pro-slavery ground. Kentucky will stand by the Union-asking nothing she would not con-She will keep her present status upm the slavery question. She will keep the faith and stand by its settlement the laws. the constitution, and the courts. She will stand by the repeal of the Missouri restriction; she will stand by the fugitive slave law and the Dred Scott decision. She will al ways denounce the doctrines of the republican party, and the invasion at Harper's Ferry, and ever be found in defence of the rights of the South. As a means of precaution he recommends a tax on pedlers, a law to prevent free colored persons from coming into Kentucky from other States. and an appropriation to enable that sort of population to emigrate, not again to return; a reorganization of the militia is urgently recommended. The message closes with a glowing eulogy on the Union of the States, and the expression of the most earnest hope that we "may do nothing to weaken, but everything to strengthen the ligaments that bind us together as a nation, and may God still continue to protect us as equals, as triends, as brethren, and as patriots, in the republic, as it is, deeply devoted to its contin-

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Meeting in King George County.

At King George Court House, on Thurs me an old New Haven ship. I was as day, December 1st, (Court day, a large and enthusiastic meeting, composed or the mosinfluential and intelligent citizens of the Ferry, and to take steps for their future defence and protection, in case of further al. ... tion demonstrations.

Col. Ep. T. Taylor having been called . the Chair, and FRED. C. S. HUNTER appoint ed Secretary, after a brief but stirring adthat a committee of five be appointed to draft resolutions, to be submitted to the meeting Whereupon, the Chair appointed the following gentlemen, viz:—W. R. Mason, esq., D. R. H. Stuart, Col. Mark Arnold, Chas. Ma son, esq., and Dr. F. F. Ninde On motion, the Chairman was added to the

Committee. The Committee having retired for a short time, reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously also

WHEREAS portions of the people of the Norta ern States have organized for the diabolical pur pose of invading the soil of Virginia, and spilling y seizing Harper's Ferry, and shedding innocen blood; and whereas no conservative spirit in sup-port of the Constitution and Laws of the United States has been exhibited in any part of the North, and threats and denunciations against the Sout ern people have been used in the press, the pulpit we notice that an enort is about to made by the retail dealers of this city to and the forum, without rebuke, and, therefore the unisance and loss sustained by with apparent acquiescence, causing us to feat Northern people, not as brothren, but as enemies in war-in peace, suspected friends

> ourselves to encourage the enlistment of a corp of Rifle Rangers, and to support them in presering the peace of the County, and in arresting an bringing before the legal authorities all suspect Resolved, That we award our thanks to the Governor of the Commonwealth, for his activity

Resolved, therefore, that we, the people of King George, residing in a border county of the State.

prepare a memorial, setting forth the insufficiency of the existing militia system, and requesting the

hopes for the future; but we affirm by all that cherished and sucred in the history of our Cou monwealth-by the blood of her revolutional dead-by the memory of her heroes and state men-that if our wishes can prevail, the muon in the way of an order abating a nuisance to the currency so great as these nickels have rights are regarded and respected, and our poor

and security restored.

Resolved. That in unity of purpose and concer of action, the slaveholding States can only rely for their safety and happiness. These can best be secured by consultation and comparison of opin to assemble, that, unless in its wisdom it can de vise other remedies to secure to us, with restaints our property, our peace, and our rights, under the Constitution of our Common Country, to invite Convention of the Southern States, to consider the question of an immediate dissolution of the Union and the establishment of a separate and indepen-

dent Southern Confederacy.

The Chair then appointed the following gentlemen a committee under the 3rd resolu-tion:—Messrs. Mark Arnold, E. Poinsett

On motion, it was Resolved. That the proceedings of this meeting

be published in the Alexandria, Richmond, and redericksburg papers.
The meeting then adjourned. ED. T. TAYLOE, Chairman

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